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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 2 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
 3 EASTERN DIVISION

4 IN RE: NATIONAL)
 5 PRESCRIPTION) MDL No. 2804
 6 OPIATE LITIGATION)
 7 _____) Case No.
 8) 1:17-MD-2804
 9)
 10 THIS DOCUMENT RELATES) Hon. Dan A.
 11 TO ALL CASES) Polster
 12)

13 MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018

14 HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO FURTHER
 15 CONFIDENTIALITY REVIEW

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17 Videotaped deposition of Sean
 18 Barnes, held at the offices of BARTLIT BECK
 19 HERMAN PALENCHAR & SCOTT LLP, 54 West
 20 Hubbard, Suite 300, Chicago, Illinois,
 21 commencing at 9:03 a.m., on the above date,
 22 before Carrie A. Campbell, Registered
 23 Diplomate Reporter, Certified Realtime
 24 Reporter, Illinois, California & Texas
 25 Certified Shorthand Reporter, Missouri &
 Kansas Certified Court Reporter.

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1 restate that -- I didn't follow that
2 question.

3 QUESTIONS BY MR. GADDY:

4 Q. Sure.

5 Did anybody at Walgreens ever
6 provide you with any training or education on
7 this statement that was provided to Congress
8 in 2003, that the DEA was equating the
9 impacts of oxycodone with heroin?

10 A. Not to my knowledge. Not in
11 IT.

12 Q. It says, "Media reports
13 indicated that abusers were crushing
14 OxyContin tablets and snorting the powder or
15 dissolving it in water and injecting it to
16 defeat the intended controlled release effect
17 of the drug and obtain a rush or high through
18 the body's rapid absorption of oxycodone."

19 Do you see that?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. And did anybody at
22 Walgreens provide you any education or
23 training on those issues as it related to
24 your support of the compliance division
25 within Walgreens?

1 ordering, that it might apply in this case.

2 Q. Well, why would you think that
3 it might apply to hydrocodone?

4 A. Because it's a Schedule II
5 drug, and according to that article, it's
6 being moved over.

7 Q. Okay. It was not a secret to
8 you that people were abusing hydrocodone, was
9 it?

10 MS. SWIFT: Object to the form.

11 THE WITNESS: I think it's fair
12 to say that between starting to see
13 articles back then and hearing about
14 the settlement, that regardless of the
15 truth of the settlement or anything
16 around it, that there was -- you were
17 starting to see hints.

18 QUESTIONS BY MR. GADDY:

19 Q. What is the next comment that
20 you make related to the e-mail that Caroline
21 sent you?

22 A. Personal medical issues.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. It's related to my co-pay.

25 Q. Okay. So at the time that you